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Made by D. S. I. Givens and by

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Mr. V. A. Stop, the Russian who addressed the meeting of the Godown Workers' Union on 29th ultimo, was called en quarters at 11 a.m. 2nd inst. when the Acting Com (Mr of Police warned him that he would be arrested from China if he again delivered a lecture for same tenor. Stopany denied referring to Communism his lecture which, he asserted, was nothing more than "hortation for the study of Esperanto."

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REPORT ON Russian named Stopany warned to attend office
of Acting Commissioner of Police.

Made by D. S. I. Givens Forwarded by

Sir,

V. A. Stopany, the Russian Esperanto teacher of
communist sympathies, was warned on 1st instant by
D. S. I. Givens to be at the office of the Acting
Commissioner of Police at 11 a.m. March 2nd.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. H. Givens
D. S. I.

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REPORT ON Daily Report.

Made by D. S. I. Givens Forwarded by Chief Detective Officer.

Sir,

A Russian named V. A. Stopany, employed in the Russian Publishing and Printing Co., gave a lecture on Communism before an audience of some forty employees of ships and godowns at No. 1746 Koong Tih Foong (公益坊) North Szechuen Road, at 8 p.m. 29th ultimo. The lecture was delivered in Esperanto and interpreted into Chinese by one Loh Sih Kya (陸式階).

After excusing himself for being a poor speaker, Mr. Stopany said that Shanghai is a great industrial centre where the working classes are exploited to an appalling extent. The majority of the labourers here have to toil for fourteen hours per day, and the wages they receive are not even a tenth of the value of their work. The capitalists enrich themselves by sweating the workers, and lavish their ill-gotten money on motor cars, carriages and other luxuries. This state of affairs had already existed too long, and the lecturer felt that the introduction of Communism was the only way to end it. Mr. Stopany then explained the meaning of Communism and gave a brief account of the success which has attended its application in Russia. Previous to the introduction of Communism, the workers in that country were only serfs, but they are now on an equal footing with the capitalists and aristocracy. He saw no reason why the workers in Shanghai could not improve their status in the same way provided they are united and willing to make sacrifices.

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The lecturer concluded by exhorting the audience to take up the study of Esperanto as a knowledge of that language would enable them to promote internationalism and communism.

The lecture concluded at 9.30 p.m. Mr. Stopany then presented Tsang Foh Daung (張福堂), one of the promoters of the Ship and Godown Workers' Union, which will be inaugurated on April 2nd, with a red flag which has a white square containing a green star on one corner.

One hundred members of various labour unions held a get-together meeting in the International Institute at 2.40 p.m. 29th ultimo. Messrs. Tsao Ya Pah (曹亞伯), President of Chung Hwa Labour Union (中華勞協會), No. 3 Rue Ratard, Hsia Chi Fong (夏奇峰), an Editor of the Eastern Times, Ming Zung Sung (明宗生), a promoter of Chung Hwa Labour Advancement Union (中華勞進會), No. 71 Yangtseepoo Road, Li Hung Ling (李恒林), Chairman of the Electric Workers' Union, were the prominent persons at present. These and several others made speeches urging the workers to organize and unite. The meeting terminated at 6 p.m.

Thirty members of the Japanese Goods Extinction Society held a conference at No. 15 Sah Ts Loong (薩德隆), inside Old North Gate, at 2.40 p.m. 29th ultimo and decided to send a party of searchers to various factories where material of Japanese origin is alleged to be used.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,